

Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

February Ice Storm SITUATION REPORT # 1 1500 Hours 13 February 2007

New Information in Bold Italics

WEATHER FORECAST

NWS Blacksburg Ice Storm Warning in effect until 1200 hours Wednesday, 14 February. NWS Sterling Winter Storm Warning in effect until 1400 hours Wednesday, 14 February. NWS Wakefield Winter Storm Warning for Fluvanna and Louisa Counties in effect until 1300 hours Wednesday, 14 February. A significant amount of icing and strong winds may occur in the warning areas Tuesday night into Wednesday afternoon.

EXECUTIVE ACTION

State of Emergency: *As of 1308 hours 13 February Governor Timothy Kaine declared a state of Emergency due to the ice storm.*

EOC Activation: *The Virginia Department of Emergency Management/Virginia Emergency Operations Center is at Increased Readiness status as the first major Winter Storm of the season approaches the Commonwealth. The VEOC continues to monitor the storm and consult with NWS offices on current updates. The VEOC conducted conference calls Tuesday, 13 February with State Agencies, NWS offices, and localities in 6 VDEM Regions. At 0700 hours 14 February the VEOC will be further augmented.*

Protective Actions: Local Emergency Declared:
Page County – 13 February

EOC Activations:
*Prince William County – 13 February at 1900 hours
Loudoun County – 13 February at 0330 hours*

OPERATIONS SECTION

State Warning Point:

Local Liaison: Regional Coordinators will be deployed to the Staunton, Roanoke, and Shenandoah/Winchester areas. These liaisons will be available to advise local communities in response activities.

EMERGENCY SERVICES BRANCH

ESF 4 – Virginia Department of Forestry (VDOF) – *Two groups of 5 chainsaw crews and 2 hummers are pre-deploying to the City of Harrisonburg and the VDOT Stephen City Construction Yard.*

ESF 13 – Virginia National Guard (VNG) – *Assets will be pre-staged by 0800 Wednesday along the I-81 corridor. These assets include 2.5 and 5.5 ton vehicles and hummers to aid in the rescue of stranded motorists and homebound citizens.*

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HUMAN SERVICES BRANCH

ESF 6 – American Red Cross (ARC) – *American Red Cross is monitoring the weather event across the Commonwealth. The 5 chapters covering the I-81 corridor report that there are approximately 6 shelters identified with reasonable access to I-81. Staff is on standby. Access to shelters by staff and feeding partners may be an issue and assistance may be needed.*

INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT BRANCH

ESF 1 – Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) – *Two staging areas will be setup in Staunton. VA Department of Transportation has positioned 650 snow removal and sand/chemical trucks in preparation of the storm.*

LOGISTICS SECTION

Notified state resource contractors and have identified 250+ available generators and 100-125 heater units within the state. Also, 9-13 40-person warming units have been placed on standby. Additional contract chainsaw, fueling, and power installation teams have been located and they can be deployed. Logistics is utilizing the previously submitted critical infrastructure reports from localities within the ice warning and winter storm watch to determine potential generator needs. For any communities that are making plans to open shelters please let Logistics know of shelter support needs early. Logistics is requesting information from localities on potential distribution sites for a 3-day supply of water. Localities must make resource requests from the state through the Local Liaisons; state agencies should go through the mission assignment system.

PLANNING SECTION

ESF 5 - Emergency Management – *Conducting State Agency and Region wide conference calls, preparing daily situation reports, and an incident action plan.*

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

ESF 15 – Public Information – *The Joint Information Center (JIC) drafted a news release for distribution by the Governor's office on state preparations and responded to several media inquiries.*

LOCAL ACTIVITIES

Region VI: *City of Roanoke is prepared to open a shelter along the I-81 corridor.*

Page County has declared a local emergency. Both Prince William and Loudoun counties have activated their Emergency Operation Centers.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The Federal government closed business at 1400 hours, 13 February 2007, except emergency personnel. Washington, DC enacted their snow emergency plan.

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